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Partly cloudy with a high of 71 and a low of 42.

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Partly cloudy with a high of 62 and a low of 39.

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Partly cloudy with a high of 51 and a low of 31.

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Partly cloudy with a high of 47 and a low of 30.

verbatim

"It was something new. It wasn't too expensive, and the guys were hot."

Katy Balluzzo

'What A Shock It Is'

Beloved Psychology Professor Dies Of Bacterial Meningitis

By PHILLIP GRIFFITH
News Editor

When Professor Thomas Moeller came to Mary Washington College in 1973 for an interview when he was applying for a position for the Psychology Department, Moeller was greeted at 8 a.m. by a large, imposing, redheaded man.

"I think the first thing that crossed my mind was that this wasn't your stereotypical impression of a college professor," Moeller said.

"More like a lumberjack, some very imposing guy." "First impressions can be deceiving," Moeller added.

Twenty-eight years later, that large, redheaded man, Professor of Psychology J. Christopher "Topher" Bill, 57, died Monday, Dec. 3 of

bacterial meningitis, leaving students, faculty, family and friends stunned.

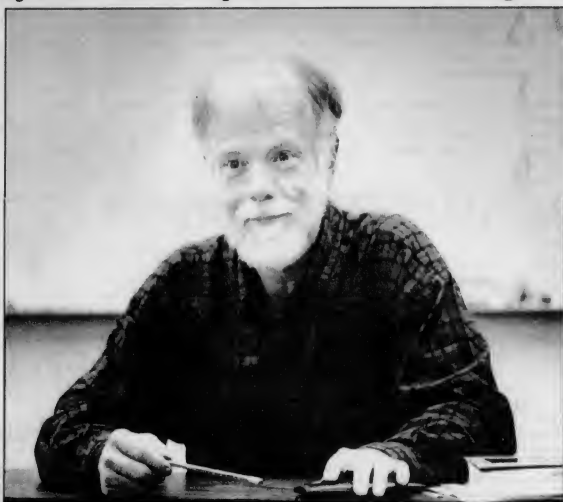
Psychology department faculty have said they are unsure what is going to happen to Bill's students for the rest of the semester. Because the semester is almost over, faculty are considering allowing the grades the students had earned to this point stand, with any special circumstances being considered on an individual basis. A temporary faculty member will probably be hired for the spring semester.

According to the Encarta Encyclopedia, meningitis is an inflammation of the meninges, areas near the brain and spinal cord. Its symptoms, such as neck or back pain, headaches, drowsiness, or confusion, develop within hours, and if not treated it can cause stroke, brain damage or death.

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Thomas Moeller



Professor of Psychology Topher Bill died on Monday.

Courtesy Office Of Publications

Students, Faculty Mourn Professor Bill's Death

By ALBERT KUGEL
Assistant News Editor

On Wednesday, Dec. 5, about 100 students and faculty gathered together behind Chandler Hall for an informal memorial service to remember the professor they called "Topher" Bill. Lollipops, Bill's favorite candy, and tissues were passed around as they shared stories about their dead professor.

Psychology Student Representatives, seniors Kelly Noesner, Michelle Jones and

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Students painting the spirit rock.

Juliette Gomez/Bullet

No Public Disease Risk, College Officials Say

By CAROLYN MURRAY
Assistant News Editor

Just as unexpectedly as Professor of Psychology Topher Bill died on Monday, Mary Warren Pinschmidt, professor of biology, died of bacterial meningitis on Nov. 25, 1998. Despite the highly contagious nature of the disease, the recent death of Bill and Pinschmidt's death, college officials and the Virginia Department of Health said that meningitis poses no threat to the college community.

Nancy Yates, assistant director of the Mary Washington College Health Center confirmed what hospital and public health authorities had

believed to be true, that is that Topher Bill died of bacterial meningitis. Because it is spread by close contact, bacterial meningitis is seen more often in college freshmen living in dorms. However, Executive Assistant to the President Ranny Corbin stressed that there is no need for students to panic.

"Public health officials assured us the campus community is not at risk," she said.

Meningitis is a rare but severe infection of the brain and spinal cord lining. Symptoms are similar to the flu and include fever, headache, stiff neck, vomiting, and a rash. It is spread by close contact with a person who is infected, like sharing food or drink.

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Corey Byrne/Bullet

Students eating at the Backroom. On-campus food may be completely different next year.

Different Taste For MWC?

Dining Services Contract Up For Bids

By KELLY JOHNSTON
Staff Writer

Mary Washington College is accepting bids for a food service provider until Jan. 8 and will announce in April if the Wood Company will continue providing dining services for the college after its contract ends in July.

Wood Dining Services attended a mandatory pre-proposal conference on Nov. 14, 2001, along with Aramark, another food service provider, to begin the process of bidding for the college's dining contract. All bids are due in to the school by Jan. 8, 2002.

Wood's current contract was originally a one year contract that began in 1995. There were two one year additions to the contract, ending it on July 31, 2002. Rick Pearce, vice president for Business and Finance, estimates that the current contract is worth \$50 million over a 10-year period.

"Tremendous planning goes into this process and it takes months to get it underway. A final decision won't be announced until April," Pearce said.

Wood Dining Services will attempt to outbid providers such as Aramark, The Compass Group

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MWC Alumna Makes News

1970 Graduate Oversees National Transportation

By SARAH LUCAS
Features Editor

One of the first things Mary Washington College alumna Marion Blakely did when she was appointed Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) was visit Ground Zero, the site of the World Trade Center attacks.

"It felt like a body blow when you first see it. I've never seen anything like it," said Blakely, who spent time in an observation post up five stories in an abandoned apartment, where she said still had dishes in the kitchen sink.

"It felt like the fall of Pompeii," Blakely said. "There was ash over everything."

Blakely had already been nominated by President Bush for the position as Chairman of the NTSB when the September 11 attacks occurred. She was driving to her job at her Washington-based consulting firm when she heard on the radio that a plane had crashed into one of the twin towers.

"When I heard that a plane had hit the World Trade Center, I thought it was a general aviation flight," Blakely said. "When the second plane hit, I knew it was no accident."

At the time, Blakely was waiting to be confirmed for her position as head of the NTSB. She and a few others who were confirmed quickly without a senate hearing

because of their position's importance to dealing with the Sept. 11 attacks.

When she received a call from the White House saying that she had been nominated for the position of Chairman of the NTSB, she was very pleased.

"I was very honored and very excited about the prospect [of being Chairman of the NTSB]," Blakely said. "[The NTSB] has a wonderful reputation for its integrity."

The NTSB, which investigates accidents and works to improve airline safety, has been busy dealing with issues related to the Sept. 11 attacks as well as the crash of American Airlines flight 587 in New York. Blakely has appeared on national television often since her confirmation. Blakely herself has flown often since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"I try to point out every time I'm asked that when you look at the statistics, aviation is by far the safest way to travel," Blakely said.

As a pre-foreign Service major (now International Affairs) at Mary Washington, Blakely set the foundation for her career.

"Mary Washington gave me a great liberal arts background, which I encourage in everyone," Blakely said. Blakely said that her strong training in philosophy helped her learn to think logically and to better understand issues that she needed to know about in her career.

"[The pre-Foreign Service major] gave me

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Police

By CAROLYN MURRAY
Assistant News Editor

Beat



Nov. 30—Sometime during the day, a fire extinguisher, valued at \$38, was taken from Melchers pottery shed. A citizen found the extinguisher on Littlepage Street, and called Institutional Safety Officer Bruce Blair. The extinguisher had been discharged and will cost \$30 to recharge, according to police.

Nov. 3—A blue and silver Trek model 820 mountain bike, valued at \$400, was taken from Mason Hall's porch sometime Nov. 20. Police said the bike was locked to the porch with a \$25 cable, which was also missing. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 30—At 9:30 p.m., the Head Resident of Alvey Hall confiscated alcohol from five underage students, according to police. She collected 7 Rolling Rock beers, a partial bottle of Bacardi rum, 11 Natural Ice, 6 Natural Light and 18 Keystone beers. The students were referred to the administration.

Dec. 2—An ill student in Alvey Hall attracted the attention of the Head Resident. Two partial 1.75 liters of Bacardi rum were in view when an officer came over. The sick student and another

resident in the room were found to be under the influence, police said. The rescue squad took both students to Mary Washington Hospital. Both were underage and referred to the administration.

Dec. 2—Three juveniles were found trespassing on college property. Officers received a call about skateboarders and found three teenagers rollerblading on the porch of Virginia Hall. A 17-year-old from Fredericksburg, a 14-year-old and a 15-year-old, both of King George, were all banned from college property. Their parents were also notified.

Dec. 3—A student reported the theft of plastic surfboard racks, valued at \$75 from the top of his car sometime Nov. 30, police said. The car was parked in the Randolph lot and later on Hanover Street next to the Battleground. The student was referred to the city police.

Dec. 4—Larceny of a student's EagleOne card was reported. It was last used Dec. 2, and by Dec. 4, \$60 had been taken from the student's EagleOne account and vending stripe. The case is under investigation.

Professor's Death A Surprise

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While some faculty members said Bill was complaining of back pain last week, which thought might have been a symptom of the disease, Bill's daughter Rebekah Westall said that this was because of a herniated disc in his back and not meningitis.

"His death doesn't have anything to do with back pain, and you can't know it [did] unless you talk to his doctor," Westall said.

According to Phil Hall, vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of faculty, Bill was found in bed Sunday afternoon when his wife, who is a nurse at Mary Washington Hospital, returned from work. Bill had severe chills, and his wife called 911 so he could be rushed to the hospital. After being treated Sunday night and the next morning, he died Monday afternoon.

"According to Marie [Bill's wife], he just got sicker and sicker," Hall said. "She said it was too fast."

Hall sent out an email to all students and faculty when he learned about Bill's death from Mona Albertine, a friend of the Bill family for 27 years and a member of the college's Board of Visitors.

"I think this is a huge loss to the college community and to the town," Albertine said. "I know it's a great loss to the school and to the students."

Other college community members agreed, and various faculty members have praised Bill for his devotion.

"He was a really colorful guy. He was absolutely totally dedicated to the students and really saw the students as his own family," Psychology Professor Moeller said.

Longtime friend and Distinguished Professor of German Sammy Merrill agreed.

"He defies description," Merrill said. "He was first and foremost a dedicated teacher. He was devoted to the college. He was a loyal friend, a loving husband and father, and a great companion."

Merrill said that he, Bill and other professors often would go hiking and rafting together. Merrill and Bill also used to haul wood together from the campus to their homes to use as firewood.

According to Psychology Department Chairperson Steve Hampton, Bill was beloved by students, and more psychology students asked for Bill as their academic adviser than any other psychology professor. Hampton said that Bill often would invite students to his home to cook them meals, and he would also attend soccer games and swim meets to support his students. Bill also was the adviser to the Mary Washington College chapter of Psi Chi, a national honors organization for psychology students.

"He really was a role model as a college faculty member," Hampton said. "We've lost our best person."

Moeller agreed.

"This has been just a totally devastating loss for us," Moeller said. "It's going to take us a while to get over it, and it's going to be hard."

Vice President Hall said that he thought Bill, who he met almost immediately when Hall came to work for the college in 1985, would be impossible to replace.

"He was almost brutally frank and honest, but he didn't get his jollies out of bullying people," Hall said. "He just cared intensely. He really cared about everything he did. He was bothered when things were not just right. He wasn't shy about telling you about when things weren't just right."

Hall said that Bill had a section of the Appalachian Trail that he was responsible for maintaining.

"That part of the trail was done just right," Hall added.

Bill was the faculty president-elect, and he was active in faculty senate. Current faculty president Craig Vasey said that new elections will have to be held to find another faculty-senate elect, and he cancelled Wednesday's faculty senate meeting

because of Bill's death.

"He was certainly a key player on this campus and a major presence," Vasey said. "He was completely up to speed on everything that was going on in the senate. I felt his absence would have been so impressive."

Vasey added that faculty members are amazed and devastated by his death.

"It doesn't make any sense," Vasey said. "We will miss him."

In addition to being deeply involved with the college, Bill was an avid hiker, a member of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, and a member of Bodyworks Downtown Athletic Club in Fredericksburg.

German Professor Merrill said that once Bill, Merrill and Associate Professor of History Porter Blakemore went hiking in the Shenandoah when they encountered two bear cubs and their mother. The bears climbed up trees, and the three men, led by Bill, tried to get closer to the bears to take pictures. As the men approached, the adult bear came down the tree.

"All three of us started taking off down the mountain," Merrill said.

The bear followed for about a 100 yards or so.

"It was a pretty comical site to see these three guys chasing down the mountain with a bear following," Merrill said.

Chris Bamos, an employee of Bodyworks, said that Bill would come in virtually every day at 5:30 a.m. to exercise, and everyone who came in the club at that time knew who he was.

"He's a good man," Bamos said. "I think it's a shame."

Vice President Hall said that sometimes he would see Bill at the gym.

"He was always after the folks who were running the place because the thermostat wasn't quite right," Hall said.

Bill was one of Mary Washington College's longer-lasting professors, having worked in the Psychology department since 1972, of which he was the chairperson from 1983 to 1997. Also in 1997, he won the college's most prestigious teaching award, the Grellet C. Simpson award.

"He's all by himself a Mary Washington institution," Hall said.

Bill came to the college after receiving degrees from Holy Cross College in 1967, the University of Bridgeport in 1969 and Dartmouth in 1973, and he specialized in experimental psychology and the fields of sensation and perception. He also taught psychological statistics classes.

Bill was born Sept. 30, 1944 in South Deerfield, Mass. to A. Phillips Bill and Katherine Decker. When attending Holy Cross College, he met Marie Drown, of Whately, Mass., who was attending high school in the area. They married in 1967, and had two children, Jason, born in 1970, and Rebekah, born in 1974.

The college will be holding a memorial service on Saturday Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. in the Lee Hall Ballroom. According to Ron Singleton, senior vice president for Advancement and College Relations, the college does this for all faculty members who die. Various faculty and alumni speak, and various belongings of the dead are often on display.

"It celebrates the life of the individual," Singleton said. "We usually have faculty members give testimonials. It's a very special occasion to hear those tributes."

Daughter Westall said that the family chose to have the memorial service also serve as the funeral because of Bill's closeness with the college community.

"The college was his life," she said.

Several speakers are expected for the memorial service so far, including Psychology professors Hampton and Moeller, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs John Morello, alumna Holly Hollomon, son Jason Bill, daughter Westall and others.

Friends Honor Professor Bill

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Heather Flory, organized the event.

First year Professor of Psychology Miriam Liss was interviewed by Dr. Bill when seeking a job at the college.

"For my job interview, Dr. Bill and a couple of other professors took me out to dinner," Liss said. "We ended up staying out for six hours, and Dr. Bill and I ended up talking very much during that time."

Liss commented on Bill's warmhearted personality as well.

"He talked my ear off that night," Liss said. "He was so funny and blunt. He introduced me to such a warm environment, that just from talking to him, I knew I wanted to teach at Mary Washington."

Psychology Department Chair Professor Steve Hampton recalled Bill's unique personality.

"Dr. Bill was the only person I know who wrote to Johnson & Johnson complaining that their dental floss wasn't uniform enough," Hampton said.

Professor Chris Kilmartin remembered how the last conversation he had with Bill was humorous.

"Dr. Bill was complaining about possibly having a ruptured disc. Having had back problems my whole life, I told him they would probably have to cut that out of him," Kilmartin said. "Tother, who also had to have foot surgery, told me, 'I wonder if I can get these guys [doctors] to do both surgeries at the same time.' And then said, 'You could write a children's book about it called Two for Tother.'"

One floor above the Psychology department in Chandler, English, Linguistics and Speech Chair William Kemp is in disbelief of Dr. Bill's passing.

"This is not fair. This is not acceptable...but we have to accept it," Kemp said. "I will really miss Tother. He had a lot to offer this college, and we really needed him. Bill cared about the important things, teaching, the students, the college."

Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Bernard Chirico recalled how Bill hired him.

"Dr. Bill hired me 17 years ago to teach in the Psychology Department," Chirico said. "He was just a wonderful individual, and I will miss him terribly. He will leave a huge chasm for the college and the students."

Junior Patrick Killingsworth remembered Bill for his humor and adventurous spirit.

"I had him for Statistics five days a week this semester. When the class had trouble understanding, Dr. Bill would resort to sniffing magic markers to relieve tension," Killingsworth said. "I'm sorry that I never got to tell him about my hiking excursion over Fall Break, because he was an avid mountain man."

Senior Carla DiCorpo met Bill outside of class, and the two became friends.

"I met Dr. Bill when I waited on him at Roma 52," DiCorpo said. "He was one of those people you were always happy to see."

The day after Bill's death, Psychology student representatives Noesner and Jones asked the department secretary Jean Bennett if she needed a break from her duties that day and comforted her.

"Right now, we're just trying to do whatever Dr. Hampton and Jean need from us and are also planning a memorial service for Dr. Bill," Jones said.

Disease Not A Concern, Say Officials

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According to William "Ted" Tweel, who investigated the case for the Virginia Department of Health, there are only one to two cases in the United States per 100,000 people per year. The department was involved because meningitis is classified as a reportable disease in Virginia.

Tweel was unable to discern how or when Bill was infected with the bacteria. "At any time, one quarter of the population could be carrying," Tweel said. "Why some come down with it is not clear."

Tweel said risk factors include smoking, respiratory infection, consumption of alcohol, and any medical condition that weakens the immune system. College freshmen living in dorms have a slightly higher risk because they are living in close quarters.

College officials took action quickly when they learned meningitis might be a possible reason for Bill's hospitalization. Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Bernard Chirico said that he immediately called Ilma Overman, the doctor of the student health center.

Many concerned parents contacted the school, Chirico said. The staff was kept updated about the situation so they could answer questions. Informational material was also put on the college website.

"As soon as the word was out, lots of parents called," Chirico said. "We want to make sure people can explain it in depth to them."

Chirico also said that the media was very interested.

"When meningitis comes up connected to a college, it spreads like wildfire," Chirico said.

Multiple meningitis cases have occurred on college campuses in Virginia during the last two years. In February 2000, cases were found at University of Richmond, George Mason University, and Radford University. More recently, a case occurred at Virginia Union University in October of this year. Fourteen-thousand students at Radford and 1,800 students at George Mason were vaccinated. However, the Department of Health does not consider this to be a necessary step for Mary Washington College.

"I do not feel that the campus community is at any risk because of one case," Tweel said.

Tweel said that the procedure for a single case of bacterial meningitis is to interview the close contacts and give them the antibiotics. On Wed. Dec. 4, the Department of Health had already started this because officials were fairly certain Bill had the infection.

"We felt we had enough information to warrant immediate action," Tweel said.

After three or more incidents of bacterial meningitis in three months, vaccinations are used, he said.

Last year, Virginia legislature passed a bill that requires full-time students attending four-year public institutions of higher learning to receive the vaccination for meningitis. If they choose not to, they must sign a waiver. This bill affected this

said. "Dr. Hampton hasn't slept for the past two nights. As Department Chair, he has had to go on with what happened and organize the classes Dr. Bill left behind."

Sophomore Abigail Biscoe is a clerical aide in the Psychology Department. Biscoe said he misses Bill, even his difficult assignments.

"A lot of his assignments had to be converted from Blackboard to Microsoft Word, and I hated it," Biscoe said. "I'd give anything to do it again."

Despite their disbelief and sorrow, many students are speaking about the ways in which Professor Bill affected and touched their lives. The Psychology student representatives are putting together a book of anecdotes and memories about Bill written by the people who knew him.

"There will be two copies of the book: one for his family, and one that will sit in the Psych Department so students can read about him today, and for years to come," Mechelle Jones said.

Students even wrote "Thanks for everything Dr. Bill" on the spirit rock to honor him.

At the informal memorial service, a giant card was presented so that people who knew him could write good-bye to him.

Kelly Noesner and Christina Blauch commented on Bill's friendly office hours, in which he always was available to speak with his students.

"It's so weird seeing Dr. Bill's office door closed," Noesner said. "I can't run in and steal his lollipops anymore."

"I'm still in shock," Blauch said. "It didn't really hit me until I walked by his door tonight and it was shut. His door was never shut."

year's freshman class at Mary Washington College. Although not necessary for upperclassmen, Tweel advises students to get the vaccination.

"As a general recommendation, everyone should consider it," Tweel said. "I urge people to [get vaccinated]," Chirico said. "It's rare, but serious."

Yates said the Health Center has seen a significant increase of students as well as parent phone calls due to meningitis cases.

"Between one-fourth and one-third of what we saw Wednesday were related to meningitis," she said.

The Health Center also administered 18 vaccinations on Wednesday. They cost \$60 each, which is the price the college pays for them. Residential students can have the amount charged to their student accounts, but commuters must have cash or checks. Yates said the center generally does not give out shots during this time of year, but ordered more to be safe.

The vaccinations protect against substrain C, the type of bacterial meningitis that Bill had, Yates said. The vaccine covers all types of bacterial meningitis except one, the rarest form.

"We have 18 vaccinations left right now," Yates said. "If students were at risk, we could have ordered an emergency shipment."

Yates stressed that students with concerns should come to the health center.

"If you're uncomfortable or feeling bad, come over," Yates said. "That's what we're here for."

What Will Students Eat Next Year?

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And Bon Appetit in order to renew their contract to provide food at both Seabeck Dining Hall and the Eagle's Nest, as well as provide catering for college events.

Erma Baker, director of Purchasing, is in charge of processing the bids for the next contract. She heads a committee called Request for Proposal, or RFP, which handles all of the bids that different service providers make for Mary Washington's College's contract.

"We advertised on our website, in the paper, and we held a mandatory pre-proposal conference on Nov. 14, 2001 which any potential offerers came to," Baker said.

Pearce said that Aramark was the college's food service provider before Wood Dining Services, and they are showing an interest in bidding this year.

According to Pearce, the food service provider industry has been consolidated over the years.

"There are really only four major players in the country," Pearce said. "That's Sedtex, which has acquired Wood Services, Aramark, The Compass Group and Bon Appetit."

These service providers go through a process with the college in which they submit bids. The bids are offers for service for a specific cost to the college.

Baker said that all bids are due by Jan. 8, 2002. The college will make a decision on whose bid to accept by February, at which time the other bidders will be able to examine the

process that the college went through and have the opportunity to contest any of the proceedings. A final decision will officially be made in April or May of 2002.

District manager of Wood Dining Services Mike Greenfield said the company will do its best to retain a contract with Mary Washington College.

"We like Mary Washington and we want to stay there for a long time," Greenfield said.

Wood has made many changes in both Seabeck and the Eagle's Nest over the years in order to help their customers. They remodeled the Eagle's Nest completely and added new foods like Edy's-brand ice cream and stuffed pretzels.

"Tastes change and it's difficult to please everyone, but we try," Greenfield said. "We're staying on the cutting edge and meeting the needs of our customers."

Wood Dining Services currently holds contracts at Bucknell University and Lehigh University.

According to Wood, their service has the highest retention rate of any food service provider in the industry. Their average contract lasts for 16 years.

Overall, Mary Washington College has been satisfied with the Wood Dining Service's performance according to Purchasing Director Baker.

"The majority were positive suggestions for improvement," she said.

Viewpoints

your opinions

Editorial

"Keep Wood"

Wood Dining Services has provided food on Mary Washington College's campus and catered faculty and student events for seven years. On July 31, 2002 the service contract between Wood and the college will expire. The final decision, as to which company will serve pasta to the student body in Seacobeck and place burger on bun in the Eagles Nest for the next few years, will be announced in April or May 2002.

According to Rick Pearce, vice president for Business and Finance, only four companies compete to cater for the country's colleges and universities. Only one of these companies, Aramark, attended the meeting held on campus for potential bidders. Aramark provided food services to the college prior to Wood Dining Services and have expressed an interest in bidding for the contract next semester.

Wood Dining Services has taken a vested interest in Mary Washington College students and faculty for many years. The past few years, the only ones most students should be able to remember, Wood has picked up the pace in their service and visible improvements have been made. The Eagles Nest looks more like a place to sit a spell, catch the morning news or evening game and drink a beer. Seacobeck has added ice cream to their selection of treats and created a more comfortable seating arrangement.

The employees in both facilities make students smile with their attitude and service. They probably get a few chuckles themselves sometimes. The Wood Company has shown through their involvement with campus activities and faculty events as well as by genuinely taking suggestions and advice from the students that they enjoy working with Mary Washington College.

If the college looks at the service record of Wood Dining Services on the Mary Washington College campus and considers that the level of competition between the food service providers is stiff, then the college will decide to renew their existing contract with Wood Dining Services.

Security Comes With A Heavy Price

CLAY TEMPLETON
Guest Columnist

Mary White has asked the question, "Is there something about U.S. policy that I don't know, but should?"

Everyone the world over knows that it is wonderful to live in America. We have opportunities that most of the world's people can only dream about. I, personally, would not want to live anywhere else. I especially would not want to live in Iraq, where people can only dream about drinking clean water.

We - that is to say, you and I, as represented by our government and its military - bombed their water treatment systems and have been putting materials to rebuild them on hold through the U.N. sanctions committee for the last ten years. This and related events have caused two U.N. coordinators for humanitarian aid to Iraq, Hans von Sponeck and his predecessor Dennis Halliday, to resign in protest.

Some people say sanctions are necessary to prevent the Hussein regime from building weapons of mass destruction. But Scott Ritter, the American former head of the U.N. weapons inspection committee, resigned in September of 1998, saying that Iraq is "qualitatively disarmed" and that sanctions should be lifted.

The only weapon of mass destruction left in Iraq is U.S.-sponsored and enforced U.N. sanctions. This particular weapon had killed 500,000 Iraqis as of 1999, according to UNICEF and the World Health Organization. That's equivalent to everyone in my hometown, Norfolk, plus everyone in the neighboring city of Virginia Beach. Even if you do not accept this figure, you might agree that once you reach a certain number of dead civilians, a couple hundred thousand one way or the other doesn't make it that much more or less immoral or outrageous.

I remember the Gulf War - don't you? In Norfolk, Va., home of the largest navy base in the world, it was a big deal. I tied yellow ribbons on trees around my school and sang "Bomb Iraq" along with a parody on the top 40 station. (It was set to the tune of the

Beach Boys "Barbara Anne"; a few years earlier, when we were on Saddam's side, the station had used the same tune for "Bomb Iran").

I came home every day and sat down straight away to watch the excitement. It was far more interesting than anything else on television. There was a sense of extraordinary importance about the whole thing, like the heightened awareness one feels while waiting for a hurricane.

In school and on the weekend, my ten-year old friends and I compared the strengths and vulnerabilities of various airplanes and missiles as if they were linebackers. The local paper, The Virginian Pilot-Ledger Star, published maps with troop positions and important logistical information so we could keep up with the action. I especially liked watching the cockpit videos of exploding buildings.

In June of 1991, in the immediate aftermath of the war, it came out that we had targeted civilian infrastructure in the Iraq bombing campaign. A Harvard public health team reported that "at least 170,000 children under five years of age will die in the coming year from the delayed effects of the bombing." This was reported in the Washington Post.

The same article quoted a senior Air Force official: "The definition of innocents gets to be a little unclear - they do live there, and ultimately the people have some control over what goes on in their country". (June 23, 1991, A1, A16) I'll leave it to the reader to draw any disturbing parallels that might exist between this statement and the premise that may have been used to justify the attacks of September 11th in the minds of the terrorists. Keep in mind that, unlike Iraq, America is a democracy where people ostensibly do "have some control over what goes on in their country".

Since World War II, The United States has suppressed democratic elections (Vietnam), destabilized governments (Nicaragua, Chile), and installed dictators (Iran, Guatemala). We have supported regimes we've later killed thousands of people in the name of toppling (Iraq, Afghanistan).

We have trained, and still train, Latin American

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FAST FACT:

Beyond popular belief, the group TLC is the worst group ever assembled in the history of music.

What Is This World Coming To?

NATHAN FIGUEROA
Columnist

On November 14th, 52 Egyptian men, most of whom were arrested on May 10th from a gay discotheque in Cairo, were brought before an Egyptian State Security Court and tried simply on the basis of their presumed sexual orientation. All 52 defendants pleaded not guilty. 21 were convicted of "habitual practices of debauchery" under a law against prostitution; another was convicted of "contempt for religion"; another, deemed the "ring leader," was convicted of both and received the heaviest sentencing.

These sentences ranging from 1 to 5 years of hard labor cannot be appealed without the expressed intervention of the President of the Republic himself. The prosecution, however, is allowed to appeal the "not guilty" verdicts of the 29 men acquitted.

Cairo 52 underscores the necessity for gay rights legislation and the harmful consequences of imposing a majority group's values and norms on others. During the early part of their six-month detention, the men were held incommunicado.

They were prevented from speaking with their families or even with their lawyers in many cases. "The dossier of the case includes 1000 pages," one defense lawyer said to Al Ahram, an Egyptian newspaper, "we had little time to study it and prepare our defense." Four of the men accused lacked a lawyer as late as one month before their hearing.

While in detention, the 52 men were subjected to beatings, electroshock, and verbal harassment in order to get them to confess to homosexual acts. Many of the defendants repeatedly testified of being physically abused by guards and police officers during the course of the Cairo 52 hearing: one prisoner reported having their food stomped by prison guards, another of sustaining an injury to his left testicle when being kicked between the legs during a police interrogation, and many others reported of being beaten on a weekly basis "with batons, belts, and shoes". The judge ignored these allegations, and authorities have refused to allow proper medical investigation of these claims.

However, the prosecution has authorized the use of bogus and humiliating forensic examinations. Results of medical scrutiny of the prisoners' genitals and anus were used as evidence of anal intercourse. International human rights organizations have declared such examinations as erroneous and inhumane. Furthermore, the United Nations has condemned the comparably similar practice of forced examinations of a woman's virginity as unethical.

19 of the 52 defendants weren't arrested from the Queen Boat. Some of the defendants weren't even arrested the same day. Some of the defendants hadn't been picked up under the same charges!

After the arrests, the police released contradictory and inaccurate information. For example, the prosecution failed to notice that four of the defendants had initially given false names and addresses to the police. However, police officers testified that these four men had been under surveillance not long before their arrests, and at the false addresses given.

The Cairo 52 hearing bears a striking resemblance to other volatile media scandals proved to be fallacious in the past such as a 1997 Egyptian case in which 78 teenage males were arrested, and accused of Satanism, amid charges of homosexual practices. The case was never brought before the courts, but the media had already circulated their names and photographs along with fabricated police reports, vilifying the young men despite their release.

Also, the same arresting officers in the Cairo 52 case had previously indicted 150 people of homosexual acts in a similar case which also began in the month of May one year prior.

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Letters to the Editor

Leave Them Alone

Dear Editor:

Popular opinion would deem I am in the minority. When I learned Mary Washington College had purchased the Mary's Heights apartment complex, I was severely disappointed. Although the college's intentions are good, I feel once again that the school just does not get it.

Of all the complexes to buy, why Mary's, whose residents have been settled there for a long time? Is it fair to ask these residents to find alternate places to live, because MWC cannot find places for its own students? I am a senior who opted to move off campus rather than play Russian roulette with the housing system. I easily found a great place ten minutes from campus, and live with two other girls with whom I get along well. I do not know of other friends who moved off-campus who had difficulty, either.

If MWC wants to purchase an apartment complex for its upper-class students, why did they not look into buying Greenbrier, Snowden, or River Woods? These apartments already host many MWC students.

Underwear Makes The Man

Dear Editor:

I am a female sophomore at MWC and I would like to clarify a few misconceptions you may have about the college.

First off, I don't own a pair of boxer shorts...but to be fair I don't own any plain jammers or stylish Madras skirts either. Sometimes

though, usually around one on a Saturday morning, I slip into my roommate's favorite boxer shorts grab a Corona Light, step outside my front window and fall SMACK onto the brick below. You see, I don't have a balcony.

But I digress. The real problem here is not 19-year-olds in boxer shorts. The problem is 19-year-olds in boxer briefs or, worse yet, tighty-whities. I'm not sure the college will have any rules that prohibit wearing boxer shorts on the balconies, but I would fully support a rule, or maybe even a law, prohibiting the wearing of tighty-whities in public.

But I digress. Again. Let me throw some statistics at you: MWC is only 30% male. Only 50% of males wear boxer shorts. That leaves us with about 600 high-risk boxer-wearing students. Of those, only about 300 will live on campus. Of those 300, maybe 30 or 40 will live in Mary's Heights.

Now, only 20% of men drink light beer. Of those 20%, only 2% can afford Corona. So really, we're considering only one or two high-

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to no street lights on Hanover St.



to Student Appreciation days at the bookstore



to such warm weather in December



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in the stars

Aries - Work as a team with your partner. Do not try to make all of the decision.

Taurus - Be especially cuddly with your loved one today. The mood is just right for being romantic.

Gemini - Find somewhere to travel to. Take a vacation with someone that you love. Get away from everything. Relax your body and soul.

Cancer - Forgive the person who recently insulted you. He/she was only trying to be funny. He/she did not mean any harm to you. Let bygones be bygones.

Leo - Your popularity will skyrocket this week. Those around you will take special notice of your new hobby. Show off your new skills.

Virgo - Make sure that you are on time for your appointment today. You will learn some very important information.

Libra - Step away from the mirror. Do not let it dictate how you feel about yourself.

Scorpio - Keep everything in order. Scorpions are notoriously clean and tidy. Make sure that your home is in order.

Sagittarius - Be open with your family today. Voice what concerns you have.

Capricorn - Let your friends know what your feelings about surprise parties are. They may be planning one for you as you read this horoscope.

Aquarius - You need someone who can take care of your home. Look for this quality in a partner.

Pisces - Your partner is looking for something that you are not offering. Try to adapt yourself. Help him/her out if you really love him/her.



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Pieces of the AIDS quilt were displayed on campus last Friday.

AIDS Quilt Blankets Campus

By MINDY COMPTON
Staff Writer

"For those who have died with their music in them. To those who never had a chance to sing," read one panel of a NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. On Friday, Nov. 30, 2001, members of Pride Reflecting Individuals of Sexual Minority (PRISM) and the HIV/AIDS Education Committee displayed 192 panels from this project in the Great Hall which was the largest display Mary Washington College has ever hosted.

Tammie Willis, resident director of the Tri-Unit and member of PRISM, participated in the event.

"Having the AIDS quilt on campus is a very, very important thing because there are so many people living with AIDS and who have died of AIDS," Willis said. "The more we can make a presence

on campus, the more people who are going to be aware of it."

Judith Parker, Associate Professor of English, Linguistics, and Speech and Co-sponsor of the HIV/AIDS committee, helped to organize the event along with PRISM.

"This quilt shows loving memorials to the individuals who have died and the care and capacity of those who have made panels," Parker said. "This is an ongoing educational process. Every day in different communities, panels are brought to different organizations. It continues to focus our attention on what has become a pandemic."

World AIDS Day is recognized on Dec. 1 each year. In honor of this event, there is a display of NAMES Project Panels on campus close to this date. Each section of the quilt measures 12

feet by 12 feet and contains eight panels, each one of which is dedicated to a person or group whose life has been claimed by AIDS.

At 12:30 p.m. on Nov. 30, the unfolding ceremony began. The sections were folded into a "lotus" position, and then slowly unfolded as student volunteers read the names on each panel. After this solemn ceremony, students and visitors were invited to look at each section and enjoy refreshments.

"I think this does a lot to bring the impact home for students," PRISM President Erin Murphy said. "If you don't know anyone living with AIDS or who has been a victim of the disease, this just brings it home."

The NAMES Project originated from Cleve Jones in San Francisco in 1987 as the AIDS epidemic

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"It's still an absolutely beautiful campus. The physical surroundings make a lot of difference in how you spend your college years."

Marion Blakey

Planes, Trains and Automobiles

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a good background in working with international issues, that in later years has been very helpful," Blakey said. When Blakey first entered Mary Washington College, she planned on going into the Foreign Service. She started out working for the National Endowment for the Humanities, which led to other government positions, including in the departments of education, commerce, and transportation. She also served as administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration from 1992 to 1993.

Blakey, who also holds a masters degree in Middle Eastern Affairs from Johns Hopkins University, said that many transportation issues have an international dimension, with which her education at Mary Washington College has proved helpful. She also said that her graduate work in Middle Eastern Affairs has helped her in dealing with the current threat of terrorism.

Blakey graduated with the class of 1970, and said that she enjoyed attending a women's college.

"I thought it was great," Blakey said. "I think there's a real place for women's colleges and universities."

The Alabama native said she chose Mary Washington College because she wanted a women's college and she wanted to go to school in Virginia, where her mother and grandmother had been educated. She also chose the College because of the pre-Foreign Service major.

When Blakey was a student at Mary Washington College, the campus did not have much going on during the weekends, so many students spent weekends away at other colleges. Airfare was cheap, Blakey said, so she and her friends would sometimes fly to other schools for a weekend.

"I remember being at Dulles airport and washing my hair in the sink, [getting ready] to fly up to Dartmouth," Blakey said.

Blakey has been back to Mary Washington College a few times, both for reunions and to give people tours of the campus.

"It's still an absolutely beautiful campus," Blakey said. "The physical surroundings make a lot of difference in how you spend your college years."

Fast Fact:

Reportedly, country singer/actress Dolly Parton has her breasts insured for \$600,000.

Gettin' Down At Brown

By OSASU AIRHAYBEE
Sports Editor

A few weekends ago, some of my friends tried to drag me off to one of the juvenile, alcohol-infested Saturday night house parties that Mary Washington College is notorious for. Naturally, I refused to go party-hoppin' because the experience I had at my first and only college house party simply sucked.

Everyone was drinking and no one was dancing. The second I walked into the party I was ready to leave because the first thing I saw was a huge crowd of giggling, grunting boys gathered around three girls who were making out. I didn't for a moment question the sexual orientation of these girls. I automatically assumed they were three drunken hoochie-mamas desperately seeking attention from the boys in the room. I was surprised, but at the same time it didn't phase me. I mean, after all, only 35 percent of the student population is male so I expect to see such desperate acts.

The experience made me wonder, "Is that all that college nightlife has to offer? Do we have to either fall into the 'get drunk and hook up' cycle or sit in the dorm and watch Saturday Night Live and Blind Date?" The answer I came up with was a result of an experience I had at a party I went to when I visited my older brother Uwa at Brown University a few weeks ago.

It was Saturday, Nov. 10, at about 11 p.m., and we were out in the 45-degree Providence, R.I. weather. We were sitting on a bench next to Brown University's Sayles Hall, the building where the party was taking place. We did not have tickets into the dance, and would have to sneak in past security.

And so, when the officer's back was turned, we made a run for it. We sprinted down the stairs that led to the back door and I prayed to God that the door was open. Before I knew it, we were in the building.

We followed the booming rap music up a flight of stairs and past the bathroom. Coming out of the men's restroom was a tall, thin, black-haired, feminine looking white guy. He was wearing tight red leather pants and a black halter-top that looked much like one of the ones I had in my closet at home. As you can imagine, seeing a man in women's clothing made me a little nervous, but at the same time I was curious as to what was going on.

"What is the name of this dance again?" I asked Uwa.

"It's called Sex Power God," he replied with a grin on his face. "It's sponsored by LGBTQIA," he continued. "LGBTQA? I had never heard of that organization, and I was almost 100 percent sure Mary Wash didn't have one."

"What does LGBTQIA stand for?" I asked naively. Uwa gave me the "I can't believe she doesn't know what that means" look, which I am no stranger to.

"It means Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transsexual Alliance," he said.

According to the LGBTQIA website, the club's purpose is to support "Queer groups at Brown [University]."

I didn't know what to say because I didn't know what to expect, but I'm sure the nervous look on my face was screaming a thousand words.

"Relax," Uwa said with a smile on his face. "I just want to show you something you'll never see at your school."

As we got closer to the entrance to the ballroom, I could feel myself sweating. I was so nervous I almost bumped into a girl dressed up as cat woman. The five-foot tall girl was not dressed up in the traditional cat woman suit and fake tail. All she had on was a pair of gray cotton panties, which bled in with her naked body, which she painted smoke gray. Part of her blond hair was peeking out from underneath her gray swimming cap.

The atmosphere unexpectedly hypnotized me and it was too late to turn around now. The music led us to the huge ballroom with a banner on top of the doorway with the name of the dance, "SEX POWER GOD," written on it.

As I walked in, I saw a crowd of partially naked people on the dance floor. There were more scantily clad girls there than any Kid Rock video could hold. I felt so out of place in my Tommy Hilfinger hip-hugger jeans and white tank top.

"Mingle for about an hour," Uwa said to me as he took off his shirt, revealing his wife-beater top. "I'll meet you back here."

Before I could say "I'm not sure if I want to be here," Uwa, Mike, John and Pablo had disappeared into the sea of dancing bodies. I stood a few feet into the doorway, trying to take it all in.

I noticed that many of the people at the dance were homosexuals, some were bisexuals, and many others, like my brother and I, were heterosexuals.

Most of the people were dressed in costume. A few girls were dressed in French maid outfits, while others just wore a bra and underwear. There was even a guy who came naked. I would have died if he had asked me to dance. One guy was dressed up as The Artist Formerly Known As Prince. He wore a gold colored jacket over a black shirt and he had on the infamous "assless" pants. I couldn't help but stare.

"Ouch," I screamed as I felt something poke me in my back. I turned around and saw a tall, muscular blond-haired guy. He had on a crown made out of aluminum foil. He didn't have on a shirt and he wore silver boxers. He was parading around with a two-foot long erect penis made of aluminum foil strapped onto his man area.

"I'm sorry," he said laughing. "Sometimes I can't control this thing."

I flashed a fake half-smile and walked away annoyed and in

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Sex, Power, And God

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In search of a place to sit down. I didn't try to or want to fit in by dancing or mingling with any of the people there because I felt so uncomfortable and out of place. I wasn't what I had expected. It wasn't what I was used to.

In my search for a place to sit, I passed by two lesbians making out. One of them was dressed in a long, black seductress gown, which flattered her tall, thin body. The dress had slits on both sides that went all the way up to her hips. She wore her blond hair up and she had on three-inch heels. Her partner in crime, a round curly-haired girl, was wearing just a white wonder bra and a matching lace thong.

The one thing I found peculiar was that a whole bunch of straight guys did not flock around the two girls and stare in morose

amazement, wishing they were a part of them, as they would at Mary Washington College. It seemed to be as normal as a guy making out with a girl.

I sat down on top of the radiator on the right side of the room and watched from the sidelines as everyone was enjoying the party. I felt like I was in that Twilight Zone episode where all the "normal" people had deformed faces, and the one lady who looked like a human was viewed as a freak of nature and I was that freak of nature for an seemingly endless hour.

We left the party at about 1:30. We had stayed a little longer than I had hoped, but the experience was an eye-opener nonetheless.

"Did you have fun?" my brother asked as he wiped the sweat from his face with his shirt.

"I'm not sure," I replied in uncertainty. I didn't know what else to say. For once, I was truly speechless. That night I realized that there is much more to college nightlife than wannabe frat parties, beer and hooking-up. There is so much that we have yet to see and so much that we might never see and experience if we don't go in search of it. I have yet to find a Saturday night scene that I am comfortable with, but until I find it, I'll be watching Will Farrell on Saturday Night Live.

Stitch In Time Saves Many

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became more widely understood. More than 44,000 panels currently exist, and the NAMES Project has 35 chapters and 42 international affiliates.

In the United States, around 40,000 Americans are infected with HIV each year. Twenty-five percent of those infected are 13 to 21 year-olds. Half of new HIV infections are in people under 25 years of age, and most are infected sexually.

The 192 panels displayed on Friday were made of every color, fabric and texture imaginable. Many quotes and poems were drawn on the panels, including, "He's not so

unusual for an angel," a sentiment written for Paul E. Williams. Family members wrote, "Loss... Grief... Letting Go... With Love," on the panel for John T. Malloy III, along with a picture and various other pieces of colorful fabric.

"What I found the most touching was the sheer amount of people who have been affected by AIDS and how young many of them were," sophomore Kory Jensen said. "Some of them were our age or only a few years older than us. It makes you start thinking."

Associate Professor of English, Linguistics, and Speech and co-sponsor of the

HIV/AIDS committee, Judith Parker, and Dr. Warren Rochelle, assistant professor of English, Linguistics, and Speech, picked up the sections on Wednesday from the new NAMES Project Office on 15th Street in Washington DC.

The display in the Great Hall on Friday lasted until 4 p.m., when the sections were removed and relocated to the gallery in Dupont Hall. On Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. in Dupont, seven of the twenty-four quilts were displayed. All of the sections are being returned to the office in DC this week.

Cookin' Up A Storm

By CATY KOHLER
Staff Writer

While most Mary Washington College students will be fretting about exams and end-of-semester projects during the next two weeks, some will have the opportunity to escape their concerns by spending an hour or two in Seabeck Dining Hall.

Seabeck head chef Kyle Mayette will be offering the first of his cooking classes in the next two weeks. He has not yet decided on the date and time of his first class, but is planning to send out an email to all students with the proper information. The classes will be open to all students and faculty members.

"Last year I taught the classes as steps to a full meal, so we started out with soups, then appetizers, then salads, then entrees and finally, desserts," Mayette said. "I think we might go with that format again."

Mayette plans on using the first cooking class as an introduction to the kitchen. When students come back during the spring semester, he will teach them how to prepare the various courses of a meal.

Last year, Mayette tried to teach a diverse menu in each of his classes. Sophomore Kaycee Green said she liked learning unusual recipes.

"I really liked making sushi because I had no idea how it was made and that it was rolled," Green said. "It was also fun to make flambe."

Many students are unfamiliar with cooking and said that they would like to take a class that teaches them how to cook a variety of things.

"I would love to learn how to cook something more than pasta," senior Katherine Berry said. "Even though I have to live on a low budget as a student, I would still like to have some variety in my meals."

Having a low budget does not have to be a concern since the cooking classes are completely free.

"I provide a copy of all the recipes for the students, plus the students get a free meal out of the deal," said Mayette, who became interested in cooking at a young age when he worked for a kitchen where his uncle was the chef.

Mayette said that he hopes this year's cooking classes will bring in the same number of students as last year's.

"About a dozen students came to each class last year on average, which was a good size," Mayette said. "I'd like to have that number again this year because I can pay attention to all of them."

Last year, the classes were mostly comprised of females, but there was a good mix of different ages, according to Mayette, who has been a member of the dining services staff for just over a year.

Mayette was hired to fill the position of Executive Chef of Dining Services at the college in November 2000. Mayette replaced Rob Morasco, who was promoted to the position of Regional Chef. The cooking classes, which have been offered for the last two years, were originally Morasco's idea.

Mayette came to Fredericksburg last November when his wife, Susan Haver, got a job with General Motors as an environmental engineer.

Most of the classes will be taught in the kitchen area of Seabeck, while the rest will be located in the faculty dining room, according to Mayette, who welcomes suggestions for the cooking classes via email.



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Seabeck head chef Kyle Mayette.

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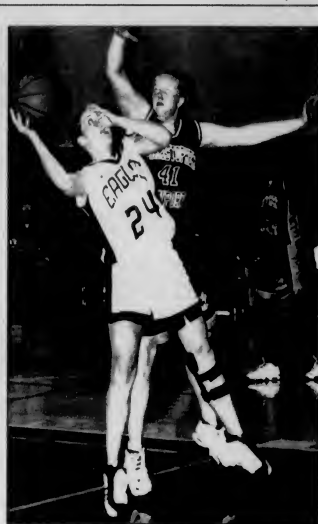
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Athlete of the week

Colin Dwyer

Sophomore Track & Field athlete set a new school record in the 35lb indoor hammer throw with a throw of 51 feet and 3 inches

Men Jump Ahead, Women Lag Behind



Freshman Laura Hanks struggles with a defender

Eagles Try To Get Back On Track

By KEVIN THOMPSON
Assistant Sports Editor

On Tuesday Dec. 4, the Mary Washington College women's basketball team faced Washington and Lee University in an away game, with the Generals winning 52-35.

When the first half of the game ended, the Eagles were down by five points as Washington and Lee took the lead, 21-16. In the second half, the Generals gained a greater lead over Mary Washington to finish out the game.

The fall to Washington and Lee puts the Eagles at 1-6 for the season, but the team hopes to come back from the defeat.

Sophomore center Adrienne Barnes, who watched from the bench due to a sprained foot, noticed the team played well on defense, but offense was not as strong as it could have been.

"Offensively, our shots weren't following," Barnes said. "I think we worked really hard on defense. Basically, their shots went in and ours didn't."

Sophomore guard Katie Anderson agreed that the team needed a stronger offense.

"We shut down two of their really good players," she said. "But we weren't on the same page for offense. We need to play more as a team on the offensive end."

Added to a string of three previous defeats, Anderson said the loss has caused the team to work on their offensive game in preparation for the rest of the season. In their new approach, the team had a scrimmage against six men, who do not play basketball for the school, to improve their skills.

Anderson believes that the scrimmage was helpful for the women players.

"It was such as intense practice," she said. "It made us really push ourselves and made us really work for our shots. Coach

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Eagles Crush Sea Gulls, 65-53

By STOCKTON BANFIELD
Staff Writer

With 1:19 left in the game Junior forward for Mary Washington College, Cris Hairston caught a deep out of bounds pass for a one-hand dunk, slamming Salisbury University's hopes of a victory.

While Hairston's dunk sealed the victory, it was MWC's defensive performance that led the Eagles to their first Capital Athletic Conference win over rival team Salisbury Sea Gulls, 65-53. The Sea Gulls shot 27 percent for the game thanks to the defensive spark provided by Hairston and sophomore point guard Evan Fowler.

"Coach Wood lit a fire under our ass and this provided us with the intensity and emotion we needed to play better defense," Hairston said. "Our practices since our last loss have been more defensive oriented. We have been focusing on keeping pressure on the ball and containing our man. Defense is where it all starts."

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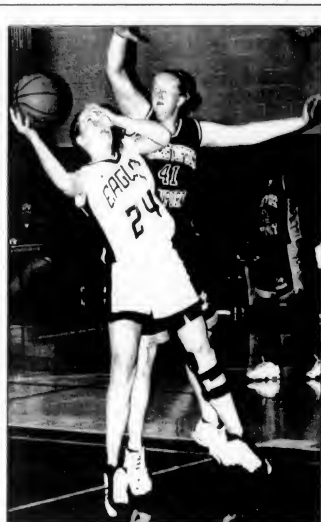
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Surprisingly enough, the team of old gradually began to disappear. The Cavs made an appearance at the NIT in 2000, their first postseason appearance in three years. And last year they made it into the NCAA tournament.

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I have complete confidence and faith in my boys. A fellow editor (who shall remain nameless: Phil) told me I shouldn't, because eventually they'll let me down. Although that may be true, it's part of what makes the game fun. You never know whether they're going to succeed or not. However, if my boys do start to suck, please keep all sharp and pointy objects away from me when the NCAA committee meets to decide who goes dancing next March.

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- 1) Harry Potter and the Sorcerers Stone
- 2) Behind Enemy Lines
- 3) Monsters, Inc.
- 4) Spy Game
- 5) Black Knight
- 6) Shallow Hal
- 7) Out Cold
- 8) Domestic Disturbance
- 9) Heist
- 10) The One

Opening This Weekend:
"Ocean's 11," starring Julia Roberts and hot men Brad Pitt, George Clooney, Matt Damon, and Andy Garcia. Rated R.
source: <http://www.imdb.com>

Quote of the Week:

"Just take the music, the goodness, because it's the very best, and it's the part I give most willingly."

— George Harrison, 1943-2001



George Bailey (Nicholas Bognar) discusses his plans to get out of Bedford Falls with a townsperon (Becky Shertenlieb).

It's A Wonderful Play

By JAMES SCOTT
Assistant Scene Editor

Around 1946 one of the great hallmarks of American filmmaking played in movie theatres everywhere: Frank Capra's "It's A Wonderful Life." Many do not know, though, that at its conception, this modern classic was a flop; no one really went to see it.

Today people all across the nation flip on their televisions to watch Jimmy Stewart looking at water below a bridge and to hear his daughter say, "...teacher says every time a bell rings, an angel gets its wings."

With lyricist Joe Raposo, Sheldon Harnick wrote an operatic version of Capra's film that will be performed by the Mary Washington College Department of Theatre and Dance until Dec. 22.

Harnick's version, simply "A Wonderful Life," tells the same heartwarming story of one man in Bedford Falls: George Bailey. Shortchanged in about every sense of the word, Bailey confronts punch after punch and, with an unbeatable spirit, gets back on his feet.

At the beginning of the show, much like the movie, we see an exuberant George who must render his dreams

to explore and to go to college unfulfilled. He suffers in his job that was thrown onto him with the untimely death of his father; he deals everyday with Potter, the money-hungry tyrant of the town, and has only one respite between each new problem, his wife Mary.

When everything finally seems to go wrong, George sees no way out of his life and must come to a decision that will influence all those people who he has known. He asks for help and receives Clarence, a wacky angel (angel 2nd class, meaning no wings) who must lead George down the right path.

Upon entering Klein theatre, colored strands of Christmas lights flow across a proscenium covered in greenery, and a solitary Christmas tree sits onstage, invoking a feeling of holiday spirit. The staging of the show, too, helps the audience understand how the director wants people to feel the strength of George's trials, but more importantly the strength of his spirit, the holiday spirit.

When George kneels throughout the show and begs for help, a single light shines upon him, while snow falls on his shoulders. Through this, the audience was able to understand how

George's spirit is great enough to keep him going.

The set, by Julie Hodge, was flown in on ropes, and when under the illumination of lighting designer Kate Furst, the set made the audience members feel as though they were looking at a Rockwell Christmas painting.

When George and Mary walk out of a party, the night sky shines beautifully under the lights, and when a dilapidated section of a house flies in as part of the scene, the work of both Hodge and Furst is most certainly effective.

Kevin McCluskey designed costumes that ranged from a loud, pink dress worn by a prostitute to a medley of clothes worn by the angel, Clarence, with each piece resembling a different time period. In one scene George talks with bad-man Potter about making some money, and when he has a vision of his wife walking out in an exquisitely elegant dress, the lights, set and costumes create the atmosphere of little Bedford Falls.

With the atmosphere, the actors were given a chance to make that small town come alive, and for the most part,

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FAST FACT:

A quality, fully-faceted round brilliant diamond has at least 58 facets which are important for the maximum sparkle of the stone. Features Editor Sarah Lucas recieved one this weekend when she got engaged.

Hunka-Hunka Sexy Men

By PORTSIA SMITH
Staff Writer

When basketball player Alexis Concepcion transferred to Mary Washington College from Palm Beach, Fla., he never expected to be chosen as one of the hottest men on campus.

Concepcion and 11 other guys were voted by students to appear in the 2002 Men of MWC calendar sponsored by Women of Color.

"Girls always complain that there are not enough guys on campus, so we wanted to show that they are here," Adrienne Martin, president of Women of Color said.

The calendar debuted last year in an attempt to publicize the club. Women of Color promotes the awareness of diversity and women's issues on campus. The executive board wanted to do something fun and unique that would accommodate to the majority of campus and make a good profit. The calendar became a huge success selling over 100 copies and recruited new members that wanted to get involved.

According to junior Katy Valluzzo there were three reasons why she bought her first calendar and why she will purchase another one this year.

"It was something new, it wasn't too expensive, and the guys were hot," said Valluzzo.

For a week, students submitted pictures of calendar candidates and voted for their top three choices. After the votes were counted Women of Color club members made the final decisions on who made it in the calendar, based on their personality and a positive male image.

Junior Kevin Bradley, Mr. May, said he was shocked that he received the most votes.

"I was really surprised, I have good friends I guess," Bradley said.

Mr. June, Adam Benabdullah, was a little nervous in front of the camera, but he was all smiles when he got to pose on the soccer field.

Two of the guys wanted to display their musical talent in their poses. Mr. February, Ed Dickerson, serenades the camera with his violin. And Ricky Martin look-a-like Aaron Altscher, Mr. March, shows off his new found hobby playing the guitar.

The two men that seemed to be favorites among the ladies last year, Sebastian Hollinger and Matt Heimerle, are back again. The shy Mr. September, Hollinger, exposes his Calvin Kleins in his pose in front of the river. Heimerle, Mr. November, seduces girls all over campus with his aqua-blue eyes. His roommates, Mr. July Dan Curran and Mr. October Marc Salotti are also in the calendar.

Other guys strutting their stuff are Mr. January Dan Dupras, Mr. April Alexis Concepcion, Mr. August Ricky Johnson, and Mr. December Brett Ozanich.

According to Amanda Rollins, publicity chair of the club,

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While The World Gently Weeps George Harrison Dies Of Cancer At The Age Of 58

By JULIE STAVITSKI
Scene Editor

When one thinks of The Beatles, Paul McCartney or John Lennon comes to mind before George Harrison. Harrison was labeled as the quiet one, the shy one, or the youngest one. However, the youngest Beatle was also the underrated one and had more influence, not only in the musical realm, but in the spiritual as well, than many people have ever recognized.

Harrison died of cancer in Los Angeles at a friend's house at 1:30 p.m. Thursday. His wife Olivia, and son Dhani, 24, had his body cremated as his faith dictated and plan to scatter his ashes along the Ganges River in India. Hundreds of fans gathered to mourn the loss of Harrison outside of the Abbey Road studios in London, his mansion in Oxfordshire, and in Strawberry Fields in New York, the part of Central Park across from where Lennon was shot in 1981. Former bandmate McCartney said, "He was like my baby brother to me." Fans held a minute of meditation in Harrison's honor Monday, Dec. 3 at 1:30 p.m.

Although Harrison was labeled the quiet one of the group, his quick wit and quips to the press were frequently noted in histories taken of The Beatles. When one news reporter asked him in the early 1960s what he called the groups famous mop top style, he quipped, "Arthur."

Additionally, he was known as the Beatle to add a touch of the mystic to the group's music style, and introduced many of his fans to the Hare Krishna faith. Among his better known compositions while he was with the group include "Something," "Here Comes The Sun" and "While My Guitar Gently Weeps."

George Harrison was born on February 25, 1943 in Liverpool, England. He was one of three children of a bus driver and a housewife. While attending Liverpool Institute, he met Paul McCartney—they rode the same bus to and from school—and soon joined McCartney and John Lennon's band, The Quarrymen. By 1961, Harrison, on lead guitar, McCartney, Lennon, and Ringo Starr had formed The Beatles.

While filming their hit movie, "A Hard Days Night" in 1965, Harrison met Patti Boyd, a model and bit-part actress in the film. The couple married in 1966, but would divorce in 1974 due to Boyd's romantic involvement with Harrison's good friend, Eric Clapton.

During The Beatles' high period in the mid 1960s, Harrison's music and musical influences were gradually introduced to the buying public. After studying the sitar with Ravi Shankar, Harrison introduced it to pop music in the Lennon/McCartney composition "Norwegian Wood." Harrison also began to incorporate various elements of Indian mysticism and music into his songs, including "Within You Without You" on "Sgt. Pepper."

Harrison was once quoted as saying, "everything else can wait. The search for God cannot wait." He followed the philosophy and introduced the group to transcendental meditation and the Maharishi Yogi, and embarked on a journey through the Hare Krishna faith. While the other Beatles dropped their practice,

saying that the Maharishi was a fake, Harrison continued his quest through his spiritual side.

During recording sessions, The Beatles seemed hesitant to record Harrison's pieces, though "Something" from their album "Abbey Road" was released as a single and hit number one on both the U.S. and U.K. charts. It has also become one of the most frequently recorded Beatles songs ever, next

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George Harrison at the "Yellow Submarine" premiere in 1968.

Photo Courtesy of Time.com

What's Your Favorite Holiday Tradition?



"The feats of strength, and festivity for the rest of us."

-Chris Hines, freshman



"Playing the dreidel game and then going to look for Santa."

-Nicole Semerano, sophomore



"BSA's Kwanzaa celebration with cake."

-Garrett Hubbard, senior



"Drinking with my friends on New Year's."

-Kim Williams, sophomore



"The Christmas dinner because I love to eat."

-Kory Jessen, sophomore

All Things Must Pass

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to "Yesterday."

After the group split up in 1970, Harrison released his solo triple album "All Things Must Pass" later that year. The album was re-released in 2001. The first single off the album, "My Sweet Lord," hit the top of the U.S. and U.K. charts.

Harrison also organized The Concert For Bangladesh in New York City's Madison Square Garden in 1971, featuring guest artists Ravi Shankar, Bob Dylan, and Ringo Starr, among others. The recording of the concerts won Harrison a Grammy.

After a spell where Harrison seemed to retreat from the private eye, he formed the supergroup The Traveling Wilburys in the late 1980s, comprised of Tom Petty, Jeff Lynne, Bob Dylan, and Roy Orbison. Their first album won Harrison a second Grammy. Additionally, Harrison's 1987 solo album "Cloud Nine" spawned a hit single, "Got My Mind

Set On You."

In the late 1990's, Harrison encountered health problems. Always a heavy smoker, Harrison announced that he had been treated for throat cancer in 1998 but was given the all clear signal. In 1999, a psychotic fan broke into Harrison's Oxfordshire estate, stabbing him in the chest. Harrison had been quoted as saying that the only thing that saved his life had been his wife Olivia beating the intruder repeatedly over the head with a bedside lamp.

It was announced this past summer that Harrison was battling cancer again and was receiving treatment for the disease in Switzerland.

Although Harrison will always be remembered as the quiet one, the life he led and the contributions he made as an artist will live on in the minds of those who adore his music. As he wrote in 1970, "All things must pass, all things must pass away."

Angels Get Their Wings

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they performed well. Nicholas Bogner played a convincing George Bailey, while not turning him into a Jimmy Stewart stereotype. If you want Stewart, rent the movie, but Bogner plays the same role successfully.

However, there were a few problems with acting. Sam Wainwright, played by Monty Myers, seemed out of place for most of the show; he was supposed to come off as an arrogant, rich man with a voice of oil. During the high-school party scene, Wainwright didn't have enough cockiness to look people in the eyes, and the projection of his singing certainly left something to be desired.

Whereas Bogner gave the show its heart, its body was the singing and dancing townspeople. While George was "unborn" in the second act, the people of Bedford Falls showed the audience how important George was to everyone in his life and explained why this simple story has become one of the classic America films, not to mention a musical. The show is pure cheeriness, but we all like to see the good guy win. We all like to see a story of triumph over adversity. Most importantly, though, we all like George Bailey and his ability to win not only the hearts of all people in Bedford Falls, but also of all theatre-goers, including those right here at Mary Washington.

It's Raining Men: Hallelujah!

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discounted calendar and a free dinner at T.G.I. Friday's, they support the club by helping out with other events sponsored by the club.

Women of Color won't have to worry about not making a profit this year. Most of the calendars sold were not even bought by MWC students.

"My mom bought like ten calendars last year and I know she will buy more this year too," Hollinger said. Altscher said that he won't have any trouble trying to figure out what Christmas gifts to give this year.

Photographers and Women of Color members Kathy Yoon and Danielle Steele had fun doing the shoots with the guys and said that the pictures really do express something about their personalities.

"It was awkward at first because they are not real models and we're not real photographers," Yoon said. "But they made it fun because they were just being themselves."



Juliette Gomez/Bulletin
Adam Benabdullah smiles for the ladies.

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Crossword

By Ed Canty

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

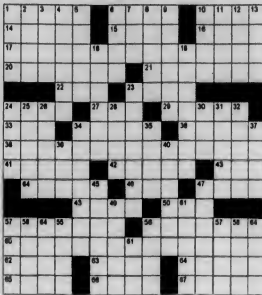
Double Time

Across

- 1 Greek marketplace
- 6 Placed at 17 Across
- 10 Precious cloth or leaf
- 14 Garbed
- 15 Precodes code or rug
- 16 Helper
- 17 Aqueduct sight
- 20 Expressed contempt
- 21 Doughnuts-Slang
- 22 Type of vote
- 23 P. T. Barnum's need
- 24 Green veggie for short
- 27 _____ Lanka
- 29 Toothed wheels
- 33 Quantitative word
- 34 Came upon
- 36 Shake hands
- 38 1962 Shirley MacLaine movie
- 41 Ravi Shankar's instrument
- 42 Iliad & Odyssey author
- 43 Timetable abbr.
- 44 Word before pole
- 46 Pletcher Guidry
- 47 Proceeds pool
- 48 Mortgage, e.g.
- 50 Tough serve
- 52 Makes unhappy
- 56 Forever
- 60 Breakfast order
- 62 Sleep
- 63 Narrow country road
- 64 Consumed
- 65 Appealed to the court
- 66 Stares intently
- 67 _____Kettering Hospital

Down

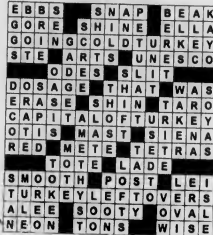
- 1 Carney and Garfunkel
- 2 Worn with a cap
- 3 Slender woodwind
- 4 Overnight flight
- 5 Idolize
- 6 _____ eagle



- 7 Time frame
- 8 Curt
- 9 Cutting
- 10 Unpleasantly cool and humid
- 11 Astronaut Sally
- 12 Scent
- 13 Congregational resting places
- 18 Landlord at times
- 19 Whole number
- 23 Hearing aid
- 24 Jaguars
- 25 Deprive of humor?
- 26 Former Japanese capital
- 28 Sultan of Swat
- 30 Flaw life
- 31 Observe again
- 32 Chairs
- 34 Horse's limb
- 35 Salesman's car
- 37 Christmas poem lead in
- 39 Plump
- 40 Upper house
- 45 Intermix
- 47 Cherries, e.g.

- 49 Literary composition
- 51 Goddess of agriculture
- 52 Discontinue
- 53 Truant at Ft. Riley
- 54 Catnap
- 55 Notable achievement
- 56 Holiday preceders
- 57 International org.
- 58 On the ocean
- 59 Boston suburb
- 61 Single

TURKEY TROT



The answer to this week's crossword will be appear in the next Bulletin.

Heightened Security Brings Heightened Awareness

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terrorists (Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, Fort Benning, Georgia). We give billions of dollars in aid to obvious human rights abusers (Colombia, Turkey, Israel). As documented in declassified National Security Council documents, U.S. foreign policy since World War II has had

the practical aim of ensuring that nowhere is there any power that in any way could conceivably threaten the "interests" of the United States of America, now or in the future.

The benefit of that policy has been an astounding degree of security for citizens here at home and corporations abroad. The drawback

has been a bloody trail of intervention that has only begun to haunt us.

This is just the beginning of what Ms. White, and many other Americans, don't know about U.S. foreign policy, but should.

Clay Templeton is a senior.

U.S. Turning The Cheek On Affairs In Egypt

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Officers' records are evaluated in May, making it a suitable time for them to engage in ostentatious, and often abusive, displays of exorcism. A civil court judge dismissed the case of the 150 due to a lack of evidence beyond the officers' statements.

The state-directed media launched a tabloid propaganda campaign identifying the defendants as cultists, devil worshipers, heretics, "immersed in Judaism", sexual deviants, Israeli (and other foreign) agents, and, after September 11th, as terrorists.

Al Massa, for example, named one of the defendants as the leader of a Satanist group "who traveled to a number of European countries as well as Israel, and is also a prominent member of many international perverted organizations that are widespread in these countries, and adopted their perverted ideas in practicing deviance, and recruited a number of his friends to spread the organization's ideas in Egypt." A caption beneath a photograph of some of the 52 accused in Al-Ahram al-Arabi read, "Become a Pervert to Please Uncle Sam!" Another, Al-Mussawar, declared, "American movie companies are trying to drown Egypt in sexually deviant movies."

Further, the state-directed media has released the names, addresses, and photographs of the accused and, in some cases, of family members of the accused. Both the Press Law and the Code of Ethics issued under the Egyptian Journalists' Syndicate prohibits this. Slanted and inflammatory media coverage, in addition to Egypt's own standards of journalism, ensures the stigmatization of the men, long after their sentence

ends.

International human rights organizations, members of US Congress, and the United Nations have condemned the prosecution of the Cairo 52. However, discriminatory practices against homosexuals are not limited to Egypt and happen across the United States.

In Virginia alone, gays and lesbians can be fired from their work simply for admitting their sexual orientation, without any judicial protections; the families of gay and lesbian victims of the September 11th attacks are denied equal compensation for their losses, such as Virginian Peggy Neff, and the "crimes against nature" law of Virginia can imprison gays and lesbians for 5-10 for acts of consensual sex. How long before we as Americans afford the same rights and liberties to all people under the Constitution?

As other nations publicly condemn the actions of Egypt, such as the American media and government have turned a blind eye. Moreover, despite the outrageous human rights violations taken place, the American government is scheduled to give Egypt \$1.97 billion in financial aid in the year 2002.

This amount is second only to Israel (\$2.7 billion) and nearly five times the amount given to the third highest recipient Colombia (\$400 million).

As America holds responsible a ruling class for harboring and abetting a notorious terrorist, so too America must be held responsible, by its own accord, for financing and condoning the oppression of sexual minorities internationally and domestically.

Nathan Figueroa is a sophomore.

You Can Tell A Lot About A Man By His Undergarments

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risk-boxer-wearing-Corona Light-drinking-male-students. Of those two, only one may be nineteen, and of the one remaining student, only .05% of him will be enough of an exhibitionist to venture onto the balcony.

So, in conclusion, I need to go outside to scrape my roommate off the brick because, darn it, she did it again. Heaven help us.

Kat Stangler
Sophomore

Got something on your mind? Aren't sure how to let others know? Feel free to write to *the Bulletin* at bullet@mw.edu

The Weekly Wassup

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December

Thursday 6	Friday 7	Saturday 8	Sunday 9	Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12
"Wonderful Life"	"Wonderful Life"	Dr. Bill memorial service	Reading Day	Finals	Finals	Finals
-DuPont Hall	-DuPont Hall	-Lee Ballroom				
-8pm	-8pm	-1pm				
-\$4	-\$4					
Parent HELP	Women's History	Reading Day	Reading Day	Finals	Finals	Finals
-Volunteer opportunity	Month meeting					
-COAR	-Chandler 303					
-6:15pm - 8:15pm	-4pm					
Commuting Students Association meeting	System Sound Trio:	Reading Day	Reading Day	Finals	Finals	Finals
-Tan Lounge	Brian St. Andre & Here Today (jazz, funk, hip hop)					
-6pm	-Underground					
	-8pm					
Lessons and Carols	Debate: Should Our Civil Liberties be restricted?	Reading Day	Reading Day	Finals	Finals	Finals
Caroling, cookies & ooca	-Franz Wesner vs. Alex Naden					
CCC center	-Chandler 304					
5pm	-7pm					

Have a great winter break!!!

Rash Of Bike Thefts Hit MWC

By OSASU AIRIYABERE
Sports Editor

On Wednesday Nov. 14, junior John Daubert parked his roommate, Nate Meyer's bicycle at Jepson Hall, without a lock on it. When Daubert returned, Meyer's bicycle was gone. The \$200 bicycle was not registered and Meyers does not remember the serial number.

"There were definitely fewer bikes when I got out of class," Daubert said. "The owners of the bikes either came and got them after class or they were stolen as well."

According to Lieutenant James Snipes of the Mary Washington College Police Department, apart from backpack theft, bicycle theft is the most common crime on campus. Snipes said that usually, three or four bikes are stolen each month, but after Thanksgiving break, a total of four bikes were reported stolen.

"Most of the time [bicycles are stolen] because of people not securing [them] to bike racks," Snipes said. "Of the four [bicycle thefts] we've had in the last week and a half, all of which occurred while the students were away on Thanksgiving break, only one of them was locked."

Police Director of the Mary Washington College Police Department Stanley Beger agreed with Snipes.

"Bikes get stolen because people never lock them up," Beger said. "And it's difficult to recover missing bicycles because the owners don't register them."

Snipes said that of all the bikes on campus, only about 150 are registered. He said the process of bicycle registration is easy.

"They just come to the police department and fill out a card, just like a vehicle registration card, but it's for bicycles," Snipes said. "We give them a sticker that they fix to their bike and we enter their information into our computer system. That's all there is to it. It's pretty simple."

Snipes added that in case a registered



Corey Byrnes/Bullet

Senior Nathan Ballentine on a bicycle.

bicycle is stolen, the serial number and registration number are entered into the National Crime Information Computer (NCIC) database. If a stray bicycle is found, the serial number is run through the database, and if it matches the serial number and registration number of the missing bicycle, it is returned to the owner.

"We have also been looking through pawnshops, in case the bicycles were sold," Snipes said.

Police said that most stolen bicycles that are stolen on campus are recovered in a different spot on campus.

"Most of the time someone takes the bike

and rides it to the other side of campus and leaves it there," Beger said.

Snipes said that of all the bikes that were stolen last year, only two were registered, both of which were recovered.

Snipes said that he believes there may be a pattern with the bike thefts.

"Personally, I believe [the thefts] are connected," Snipes said. "There is no evidence for that, but from my experience with various types of crimes, usually a similar type of theft like that occurring so close together would usually be related."

None of the missing bicycles have been recovered.

Five Percent Of New Students Classified As Unknown/Other

By AYLSSA BEST
Staff Writer

When sophomore Rola Abinourched applied to Mary Washington College, she did not check off a racial or ethnic box because no boxes represented her Arab-American background.

"I don't consider myself Caucasian so I don't want to present myself that way," she said. "By saying that I'm Caucasian, I would be denying part of myself."

Similarly, five percent of the incoming freshman class at Mary Washington College either left the six racial boxes empty or checked more than one box on the application for admission. It is not mandatory for students to check a racial box on the application. However, the college designated these students as having an "unknown/other" race.

Martin A. Wilder, Jr., vice president for enrollment, said the five percent is a large increase from the two percent of last year's freshman class who chose to either leave the racial boxes empty or checked more than one box. The numbers rose from 17 freshmen last year to 44 this year who are classified as "unknown/other."

"I think this is a national trend and not something unique to Mary Washington," Wilder said.

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Rash Of Bike Thefts Hit MWC

By OSASU AIRHIAVERE
Sports Editor

On Wednesday Nov. 14, junior John Daubert parked his roommate, Nate Meyer's bicycle at Jepson Hall, without a lock on it. When Daubert returned, Meyer's bicycle was gone. The \$200 bicycle was not registered and Meyers does not remember the serial number.

"There were definitely fewer bikes when I got out of class," Daubert said. "The owners of the bikes either came and got them after class or they were stolen as well."

According to Lieutenant James Snipes of the Mary Washington College Police Department, apart from backpack theft, bicycle theft is the most common crime on campus. Snipes said that usually, three or four bikes are stolen each month, but after Thanksgiving break, a total of four bikes were reported stolen.

"Most of the time [bicycles are stolen] because of people not securing [them] to bike racks," Snipes said. "Of the four [bicycle thefts] we've had in the last week and a half, all of which occurred while the students were away on Thanksgiving break, only one of them was locked."

Police Director of the Mary Washington College Police Department Stanley Beger agreed with Snipes.

"Bikes get stolen because people never lock them up," Beger said. "And it's difficult to recover missing bicycles because the owners don't register them."

Snipes said that of all the bikes on campus, only about 150 are registered. He said the process of bicycle registration is easy.

"They just come to the police department and fill out a card, just like a vehicle registration card, but it's for bicycles," Snipes said. "We give them a sticker that they fix to their bike and we enter their information into our computer system. That's all there is to it. It's pretty simple."

Snipes added that in case a registered



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Senior Nathan Ballentine on a bicycle.

bicycle is stolen, the serial number and registration number are entered into the National Crime Information Computer (NCIC) database. If a stray bicycle is found, the serial number is run through the database, and if it matches the serial number and registration number of the missing bicycle, it is returned to the owner.

"We have also been looking through pawnshops, in case the bicycles were sold," Snipes said.

Police say that most stolen bicycles that are stolen on campus are recovered in a different spot on campus.

"Most of the time someone takes the bike

and rides it to the other side of campus and leaves it there," Beger said.

Snipes said that of all the bikes that were stolen last year, only two were registered, both of which were recovered.

Snipes said that he believes there may be a pattern with the bike thefts.

"Personally, I believe [the thefts] are connected," Snipes said. "There is no evidence for that, but from my experience with various types of crimes, usually a similar type of theft like that occurring so close together would usually be related."

None of the missing bicycles have been recovered.

Five Percent Of New Students Classified As Unknown/Other

By ALYSSA BEST
Staff Writer

When sophomore Rola Abimourched applied to Mary Washington College, she did not check off a racial or ethnic box because no boxes represented her Arab-American background.

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